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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant : Donald F. Albert et al.
Application No. : 09/972,163 Confirmation No.: 5897
Filed : October 4, 2001
For : ORGANIC OPEN CELL FOAM MATERIALS,
THEIR CARBONIZED DERIVATIVES, AND
METHODS FOR PRODUCING SAME
Group Art Unit : 1771
Examiner : Hai Vo

New York, New York 10020
February 26, 2004

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated August 27, 2003. With the extension, the time for replying is extended up to and including February 27, 2004. A check in the amount of \$475.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

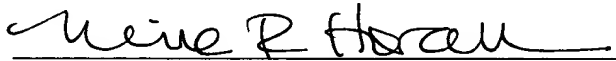
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The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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